Electrification of Ernakulam Town.

207. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how the application from Messrs. Chandrie and Co., Ltd., Madras, for the grant of a license for the Electrification of the Ernakulam Town (a notice of which has been published more than two months ago) was disposed of;

(b) whether there is any prospect of the Town being supplied with Electric lights in the near future; and

(c) if the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to state the nature of the impediments standing in the way of its introduction immediately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) The license has been granted.

(b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

Payment of Bills in the P. W. D.

208. Mr. P. C. Varkey.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of bills passed for payment by the P. W. D. Head Office during each month in 1110, from Chingam to Karkadagam, with the aggregate amount appropriated in each month;

(b) if any of the bills submitted for payment in any one month has not been passed for payment during the month, the name of the work for which the bill was received in the Head Office and for which payment was not made and the reason for the same;

(c) may I know whether a very large number of bills are received in the Head Office of P. W. D. during the last month of the year;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, may I know whether it is not desirable to draw up a working programme for the completion of works, budgetted for the year, within a reasonable time, before the monsoon starts, so as to avoid this enormous influx of bills in Karkadagam?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) A list showing the particulars is appended. *(Appendix VI).*

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(b) Government consider that the time and labour involved in collecting the answer will not be commensurate with the public purpose served thereby.

(c) Yes.

(d) The works of the P. W. Department are subject to seasonal conditions and it is found in practice that a comparatively large number of bills in Karkadagam is inevitable.

Leave—grant of—Mr. D. M. Raju, late Senior Driver, Head Works.

209. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how long Mr. D. M. Raju (late Senior Driver, Head Works) has been on leave;

(b) what was the nature of the leave granted and when did he join duty;

(c) if he was on sick leave, had he produced medical certificate;

(d) was he examined by the Chief Medical Officer, as required by the Code, before he was allowed to join duty; and if so, will a copy of that certificate from the Chief Medical Officer placed on the table?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) He was on leave from 30th Chingam 1109 to 23rd Kanni 1111.

(b) Privilege leave for one month and 24 days, leave on medical certificate for 1½ years and leave on loss of pay for the remaining period.

(c) He had produced medical certificate for the grant of sick leave.

(d) A medical examination by the Chief Medical Officer was not necessary in this case.

Promotions in the Mechanical Department—consideration of claims of men in service.

210. Mr. George Parakkal.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when vacancies occur in Mechanical Department, are the services of those already working taken to consideration in giving promotion to permanent posts;

(b) were the claims of Foreman K. L. Poulose and Dredger Driver Elias, taken to consideration in filling up the permanent vacancy consequent to the promotion of D. M. Raju, as Water Works Supervisor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

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appeared to take a very keen interest in their work. The judges were at the time of my visit hearing arguments in a case. Two cases were argued in my presence. Matters which were not relevant for the decision of the cases were put before them and they were not at times properly able to eschew them. I gave them proper instructions. The judges then wished to have some instructions from me with regard to the trial and disposal of suits. I gave them a short discourse emphasising the points which required their special attention.

There was a large gathering of the people of the locality. The public appreciated the visit very much. The Registrar of Village Panchayats and the Panchayat Inspector were seen regularly conducting periodical inspections.

All the registers are maintained properly and posted up-to-date."

APPENDIX VI.

List showing the No. of bills passed for payment during each month in 1110, with amounts paid each month.

Month	No. of bills paid	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
Chingam	97	22,493	9	11
Kanni	230	45 916	2	9
Thulam	378	71,693	1	2
Vrischigam	293	60,655	2	6
Dhanu	326	62,486	3	7
Makaram	330	78,172	2	2
Kumbham	470	1,04,553	2	9
Meenam	518	1,69,474	12	6
Medam	267	53,412	6	11
Edavam	539	1,50,146	15	4
Mithunam	752	1,52,297	1	4
Karkadagam	2,180	4,95,500	10	10

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